Investigation into irregularities in a Samiti

*333. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 3252 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd August, 2001 and state:

(a) whether the Inquiry Officer who has been entrusted the investigation of alleged embezzlement of public money has not initiated the investigation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the name of the designated officer to whom the members of the said Society can contact for early settlement of their claims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Inquiry Officer appointed in the case has initiated the process of inquiry by issuing statutory notice* to the parties concerned as required under section 59(1) of The Delhi Co-operative Societies Act, 1972.

(c) Shri Mange Ram, Assistant Registrar, who is the Inquiry Officer in this case and Shri Ramesh Chandra, Assistant Registrar (South), in the office of the Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Parliament Street, New Delhi had been designated for the purpose.

Naval Base Project Seabird, Karnataka

*334. SHRI K.V. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new naval base Project Seabird near Karwar (Karnataka) was envisaged in the Naval Plan 1980—55 to be completed by 1995;

(b) whether the original project outlay of Rs. 350 crore in 1985 escalated to Rs. 1295 crore in 1995, despite reduction in scope by more than 50 per cent; and

(c) whether the rehabilitation package for the displaced families is in place and if so, when the project is likely to be commissioned?